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Report Highlights:

China's State General Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ) revised its approved national imported fruit variety and country/region list on August 6, 2004. The list, updated regularly on the AQSIQ website, indicates fruit varieties that can be legally imported into China along with the fruit country/region origin. The list indicates certain U.S. citrus, apples, grapes, and cherries are eligible for import into China. The website does not provide a list of what fruit varieties China is eligible to export to other countries/regions.

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Summary

China's AQSIQ and the affiliated provincial Customs, Inspection, and Quarantine (CIQ) Offices are responsible for inspection and approval of imported fruits and other goods entering China. News reports and trade contacts indicate AQSIQ renewed its attempts to curb illegal imports of numerous agricultural commodities, including fruits and other horticultural and tropical products, beginning this past Spring. The following list may be the result of AQSIQ's attempts at providing greater direction to its affiliated provincial offices along with greater transparency to domestic traders and foreign trading partners.

Not only does the following list provide clarification on what fruit varieties are legally exportable to China, but also provides an indication as to other legal foreign competition the U.S. faces in the China market. Unfortunately, at present, the website does not contain information on what fruit varieties China is eligible to export to other countries/regions and therefore, it is difficult to ascertain what competition China presents in other markets.

This list appears to be updated frequently by AQSIQ's Department for Supervision on Animals and Plants, Plant Inspection and Quarantine Division. Traders and other interested parties are encouraged to visit the website frequently for the most up to date Chinese language edition of the list. Interested Chinese importers are encouraged to contact local CIQ offices.

Exporters of U.S. fruits may also be able to get the most up to date information from their local USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service officials or from other USDA offices.

Imported Fruit and Country/Region Eligibility List

The list format is revised to indicate U.S. eligible fruits at the beginning of the list.

Fruit Variety (Chinese Pinyin)	Country/Region Approved for Export to China (As of August 6, 2004)
Apples	U.S. (restricted by variety and origin), France (restricted by variety and origin), Japan, New Zealand, Chile (districts 6, 7, 8, and 9), Australia (Tasmania),
Cherries	U.S. (Washington, Idaho, Oregon), New Zealand,
Citrus-Tangerines/Satsuma/Mandarins	U.S. (parts of California, Florida, Arizona, Texas), New Zealand, Uruguay
Citrus-Oranges	U.S. (parts of California, Florida, Arizona, Texas), New Zealand, Uruguay
Citrus-Grapefruit/Pomelo	U.S. (parts of California, Florida, Arizona, Texas), Thailand, Uruguay, Taiwan
Citrus-Lemons/Limes	U.S. (parts of California, Florida, Arizona, Texas), New Zealand, Uruguay
Grapes	U.S. (parts of California), Chile (districts 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9), New Zealand
Pears	New Zealand, Japan
Plum (Li)	New Zealand
Plum/Prune (Mei)	New Zealand
Kiwi	New Zealand, Chile (districts 6, 7, 8, and 9)

Fruit Variety (Chinese Pinyin) Cont'd.	Country/Region Approved for Export to China
Durian	(As of August 6, 2004) Thailand
	Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Burma
Lychee or Litchi	Thailand, Malaysia, Tidonesia, Vietnam, Burma Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Burma
Mangosteen (Shan Zhu)	Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Burma
Pineapple	Thailand
	Thailand
(Ren Shen Guo)	
Bananas/Plantains	Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Ecuador, Columbia, Costa Rica, Panama
Passion Fruit (Xi Fan Lian)	Thailand
Coconut	Thailand, Malaysia
Custard Apple (Fan Li Zhi)	Thailand
Watermelon	Thailand, Malaysia
Tamarinds (Luo Wang Zi)	Thailand
Papaya	Malaysia, Thailand
Carambola (Yang Tao)	Thailand, Taiwan
Mango	Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Taiwan
Guava (Fan Shi Liu)	Thailand
(Hong Mao Dan)	Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Burma
(Lian Wu)	Thailand, Taiwan
Dragon Fruit? (Huo Long Guo)	Vietnam
Jack Fruit (Bo Luo Mi)	Vietnam, Thailand
Snake Fruit? Salacca edulis salak (She Guo)	Thailand
(Yan Se Guo)	Thailand
Betel Nut (Bing Lang)	Taiwan